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Comments:

The City of Gustavus, with a population of about 500, has been very active in Tongass National Forest issues for decades. Our citizens recreate on the Tongass and many are dependent on the southeast Alaskan tourism economy that relies on the natural beauty and functioning ecosystems that make up the National Forest and National Park lands that surround us. We see from the recently posted Alaska Roadless Rulemaking meeting schedule that public meetings are being held throughout southeast Alaska. We are disappointed to see that a meeting has not been scheduled in Gustavus. Residents would very much like to hear the Forest Service's rationale for modifying or eliminating the roadless rule and to have our concerns regarding the issue heard and questions answered at a public meeting held in Gustavus.

I respectfully ask that you schedule a meeting regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule in Gustavus; it certainly appears that there is ample time to do so. Please contact me if you have any questions or require logistical support.

Sincerely,

Barb Miranda, Mayor City of Gustavus